

## Message Text

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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SF (TRANSKEI)  
SUBJ: TRANSKEI: PROPOSED EXTENSION OF DEATH PENALTY FOR  
TREASON

REF: DURBAN 091

1. REFTEL REPORTED PLANS BY TRANSKEI PM MATANZIMA TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION TO MAKE IT A TREASONABLE OFFENSE FOR ANYONE TO QUESTION THE SOVEREIGNTY OF TRANSKEI OR ARGUE THAT TRANSKEI SHOULD FALL UNDER ANY OTHER INDEPENDENT STATE. SUCH OFFENSES WOULD CARRY THE DEATH PENALTY. ON MARCH 9 TRANSKEI PRESIDENT, PARAMOUNT BHIEF BOTHA SIGCAU, ANNOUNCED THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO EXTEND THE LEGISLATION TO INCLUDE CRITICISM OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF "OFFICE BEARERS OF THE STATE". THUS, THE DEATH PENALTY COULD BE APPLIED, AGAIN RETROACTIVELY TO INDEPENDENCE (OCTOBER 26, 1976), TO ANYONE WHO CRITICIZED THE INDEPENDENCE OF CHIEF MATANZIMA OR OTHER OFFICIALS. CHIEF SIGCAU WAS ADDRESSING THE OPENING SESSION OF THE FIRST FULL SESSION OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHEN HE MADE THIS

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